

## Letter from John D. Wright to Alexander Graham Bell, April 26, 1916

The Wright Oral School One Mount Morris Park, West New York City April 26, 1916 My dear Dr. Bell:—

Thank you very much for your friendly letter of April 24th.

It gave me great pleasure to be with you all at the meeting, and I very much appreciated the friendly attitude of everyone present. I was sorry to have to run away so abruptly, but it could not be avoided.

As I was leaving, Mr. Lyon was asking the members to vote upon my resolution, and I had heard six members vote “yes” out of the nine present. Even if the other three voted “no”, I suppose the resolution is a part of the results of the meeting. I enclose another copy of it, as you request.

I hoped that there would be more discussion as to the possibility of broadening the scope of the Volta Review to include all phases of speech culture, including elocution, articulation and singing, stammering, stuttering, aphasia and the multitude of other lines into which speech and its study enter. At present there seems to be no standard organ for this wide field of activity, and I see no reason why the Review should not assume it for itself, and thereby enormously increase its possible clientage.

There were several other matters that I should have been glad to hear discussed by the members of the Board, and perhaps at some other meeting they can be brought up.

I am wondering whether there is any possibility of your addressing the N.E.A. during the summer meeting here, in connection with its special section for the deaf. The section very much needs a wider recognition, and there is no way of obtaining it so effective as to have

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some man of international reputation like yourself whose authoritative utterances carry weight far beyond that of anyone else. I know that in the early part of July you will probably be in Baddeck, and that a team of elephants would be necessary to drag you from its comfortable coolness into the heat of New York, but I am so much interested in pushing our cause that I venture to call the matter to your attention.

Cordially yours, (Enclosure) John D.